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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ROTOR

OVER-SPEED PROTECTION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents Box AF Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002, and made final, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A method for assembling a gas turbine engine to prevent rotof over-speeding, said method comprising the steps of:

coupling a fuel system interface including a shutoff shuttle valve to the gas turbine engine such that the fuel system interface receives at least one of electrically and mechanically originated over-speed signals inputted from the engine; and

coupling the fuel system interface shutoff shuttle valve to the fuel system to stop engine fuel flow in response to the over-speed signals received, and based on pre-defined priority selection logic that relates a plurality of different gas turbine engine operating conditions to the overspeed signals and provides that when the fuel system interface is